

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## TAIWAN

## HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2003*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the recent passage of my amendment regarding the security of Taiwan, which was part of the en bloc amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act. The passage of this amendment shows strong Congressional support for the safety and welfare of the citizens of Taiwan, and sends a message to the People's Republic of China that the use of force, and even the threat of the use of force, against Taiwan will not be tolerated.

In the past two decades, Taiwan has undergone a remarkable transformation from a one party, martial law dictatorship to a full-fledged democracy that respects human rights and human freedoms. However, Taiwan's democracy faces a serious military threat from the People's Republic of China. The PRC regards Taiwan as a renegade province, despite the fact that it has never exercised control over the island. They continue to openly entertain the use of force against Taiwan, thereby jeopardizing the stability of the entire Asian Pacific region. Mr. Speaker, as one of the leading democracies in the world, it is the duty of the American government to protect Taiwan from the PRC's threats to its democratic system of governance.

Through this amendment, the United States Congress is expressing its grave concern regarding the People's Republic of China's deployment of hundreds of ballistic missiles directed towards Taiwan. The provision calls upon the President of the United States to direct all appropriate U.S. officials to raise these concerns with PRC officials, and to seek renunciation from the leaders of the PRC of any threat or use of force against Taiwan. In addition, it calls upon the President of the United States to authorize the sale of the Aegis missile defense system to Taiwan if China refuses to dismantle the missiles in question. Finally, the provision reaffirms that the future of Taiwan should be determined peacefully, and with the expressed consent of the Taiwanese people.

I wish to thank my colleagues in the House for their expressed support of this most important provision. Only by defending the democracies that currently exist throughout the world can we actively promote the spread of democratic ideals. I would ask that my colleagues continue to keep a watchful eye on the PRC's treatment of Taiwan, and remain vigilant in their support for the Taiwanese people and their quest for safety, security, and freedom.

## A SAFE RETURN TO TAIWAN

## HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2003*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we know, the SARS epidemic took a great toll on Southeast Asia. China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, Taiwan and Toronto were all affected. As of July 11, a total of over 8,400 persons fell victim to SARS, and over 800 died. Taiwan was the third hardest hit country, where 671 became ill and 84 died. Many of the SARS cases in Taiwan could be traced to a lapse of infection control procedures in a single hospital. Health authorities rapidly responded, upgrading the SARS surveillance system, tightening infection control procedures, and educating the population to quickly respond—to symptoms of a potential SARS infection. A key element to Taiwan's success was its ability to coordinate the responses of all relevant sectors. I commend the government of Taiwan for its highly effective handling of this health emergency.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to note that the SARS epidemic which had plagued Taiwan has now abated. On July 15, 2003, the Centers for Disease Control officially lifted the travel alert for Taiwan, with no new cases having been reported there in over a month. All known chains of person-to-person transmission of SARS have been broken. I am pleased to say that we may now feel confident in continuing, without fear, our travel to and business with this wonderful country.

## HONORING KFTV-TV

## HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2003*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor KFTV-TV in Fresno, CA for their impressive support for our community. In 2002, KFTV-TV donated a total of 1104 spots of valuable airtime towards Ad Council public service announcements.

Throughout the Ad Council's 60-year history, stations like KFTV-TV have helped to address the most pressing social issues of the day. Each year, the Ad Council receives approximately \$1.3 billion in donated media funds for over 40 campaigns to promote awareness about topics ranging from high-school drop-out prevention to AIDS awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor KFTV-TV for their ongoing dedication to informing the 19th district of current and socially important issues that improve the lives of our constituents and our Nation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

## HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2691) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to support Representative MARK UDALL's amendment to stop the giveaway of millions of acres of public lands across the West. The Udall amendment will restrict funding for a January 2003 rule published by the Bureau of Land Management that facilitates the construction roads across some of our most sensitive and pristine federal lands.

The Bush Administration and Secretary Norton are currently engaged in an unprecedented assault on our nation's natural heritage. In their concerted effort to undermine the protection of America's public lands, they have gone farther than James Watt ever dared.

This rule endangers our public lands across the West, including some of this nation's most outstanding national parks, wildlife refuges, wilderness areas, national monuments, and national forests. The uncontrolled road building that this rule invites would cause irreparable harm in sensitive watersheds, undeveloped fish and wildlife habitat, historical and archaeological resources, and sensitive coastlines and wetlands.

As the sponsor of America's Redrock Wilderness Act, to protect Utah's wilderness quality public lands, I am particularly concerned about the potentially devastating impact of this rule in Utah. Approximately 10 million acres of Utah's federal lands that are eligible for wilderness designation would be open to road right-of-way claims under BLM's rule. There are an estimated 15,000 road claims in Utah, and off-road-vehicle groups have targeted areas within my wilderness proposal for motorized vehicle access, including the Grandstaircase-Escalante National Monument.

These claims have nothing to do with legitimate access—this is about bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of new roads across some of this country's most pristine lands and protected areas. With this rule the Administration has provided opponents of wilderness with a tool to punch roads through pristine lands in an attempt to disqualify the impacted areas from future wilderness consideration by Congress.

Encouraged by the Administration's rule, counties, organizations and individuals are asserting spurious road-building rights-of-way claims for cow paths, horse trails, river beds, dirt bike and off-road vehicle routes, as well as for dogsled trails and for overgrown and nearly

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